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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 24, 2002. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

Information Disclosure Statement

Together with the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002, the Examiner returned the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of January 27, 2000 as being incorrectly completed. The IDS is being re-submitted, including the omitted information on publication dates and other information where available. Please note that Applicants are submitting the publications that